

great jubilation by the members interested in private bills. The House then went into committee on the bill for the consideration of bills on the private calendar.

Hills to Be Considered.
Mr. Pickler (S. D.), chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, moved that the bills from the committee on claims and war claims be laid aside without prejudice and that the committee consider only bills from the committee on pensions, invalid pensions and military affairs.

Some of the democrats attempted to filibuster by offering dilatory amendments, but all were voted down, and Mr. Pickler's motion was agreed to.

Much of the afternoon was consumed in discussion of a single bill, the democratic intimating that an unfair advantage had been taken of them by the adoption of Mr. Pickler's motion. When the appropriation bill had been disposed of, the committee on claims and all other bills on the private calendar would be considered in their order, not that pension cases alone would be considered for consideration.

BELT LINE IMPROVEMENT.

Proposition for Rapid Transit by Use of Compressed Air.

There was a conference this afternoon in the room of the Senate District Committee between Senator McMillan and representatives of the Eckington and Belt Railway Companies, accompanied by Senator Gorman and Mr. Douglass, formerly chief engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio road and now consulting engineer of this system of street railways.

The object of this conference was to discuss plans for the extension of the Eckington and Belt lines on terms that would be mutually agreeable to the company and to the District Committee. Senator McMillan had persuaded the representatives of the companies that extensions along I and 7th streets to the Capitol would be a question, as they could not be consented to by the committee. Accordingly, this plan was abandoned.

The companies agree to put first-class cars, propelled by compressed air motors, on the line within a short time after the passage of the bill granting them the extensions they ask.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.

This Was Donation Day at the Institution.

This has been a red letter day for the Emergency Hospital, and since early morning delivery wagons have been driving up to the door and depositing in the way of supplies almost everything from a box of soap to a barrel of apples.

The hospital is a success. The congressional appropriation for the support of the Emergency has been found rather parsimonious, and, in order to secure many necessary articles for the hospital, a special day was established, and has now become a feature.

REPORT IS CONFIRMED.

The Turkish Minister in Washington Will Be Recalled.

The report that Mayroni Bey, the Turkish minister to the United States, is to be recalled has been confirmed at the State Department. The report was learned, however, nothing of an official character at that point has been received at the State Department or at the Turkish legation in this city. The Turkish minister says he cannot say that he may be recalled, but he is not in a position to say that he is or is not to be transferred to another field.

CHICKAMAUGA PARK.

Official Report of the Congressional Committee.

Representative Grosvenor of Ohio has submitted to the House the report of the joint committee representing Congress that participated in the dedication of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Park.

The report says the event proved to be without precedent in the history of wars, and one which would not be possible in any other nation than our own. The report found gathered in enthusiastic comradeship the most distinguished surviving leaders of both sides, and many thousands of the rank and file of the once contending forces.

The park itself was also found to be without precedent, being the reconstruction of great battlefields on the victor's side, in which, in every respect, both great and small, the utmost impartiality has been observed in marking lines of battle and in preserving on monuments and tablets the accurate history of every organization engaged.

The security of the point Lookout mountain, which overlooks all the battlefields enclosed in the National Park, seems to the committee very important to the completion of the project.

Deficiency Estimates.

The Secretary of the Treasury submitted to the House today estimates of deficiency appropriations for the District of Columbia aggregating \$80,072.

Among the items are one of \$25,000 for the new hospital and one of \$500 to light the streets of Eckington and West Eckington.

Race Track Gambling Killed in New York.

The anti-gambling amendments to the constitution were passed by the New Jersey assembly yesterday. They were previously passed by the senate. The amendments make racing in New Jersey, with betting, illegal.

The Nicaragua Canal.

The investigation of the Nicaragua canal problem by the House commerce committee was begun today, ex-Senator Warner Miller, president of the canal company, being heard on the subject.

Senators Go to Bethlehem.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 27.—A committee of Senators from Washington, including Messrs. Chandler, Tillman, Squire and Kyle, left this city this morning on a special car over the Reading Railroad for Bethlehem, where they will visit the plant of the Bethlehem Iron Company and inspect the manufacture of armor plate.

Police Captain Devery's Case.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The jury in the case of Police Captain W. S. Devery, on trial for extortion, sent in word to Judge Smythe today that they could not agree and asked to be discharged. Justice Smythe sent back word that they must agree.

The Unclaimed Chicago Corpses.

CHICAGO, March 27.—It has been ascertained from the books of the Northwestern Railroad Company that the box containing a corpse, which was sold at the unclaimed freight auction was shipped from Salt Lake City February 8, 1896. The conductor was G. M. Morgan, 166 Jefferson street, Chicago. The police have communicated the facts to the Salt Lake City police.

Alleged Purchase of Delagosa Bay.

LONDON, March 27.—The Chronicle prints under reserve a rumor that England has purchased Delagosa bay, with the whole strip of territory from Anatonga on the south to the Chartered Company's territory on the north, the Limpopo river constituting the eastern boundary, for £5,000,000 sterling.

Opera House Burned.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 27.—Fire completely destroyed the Grand Opera House at 1 o'clock this morning. The building cost \$150,000 and had \$25,000. The property was owned by E. S. Hefner.

No Session Good Friday.

Friday next being "Good Friday," Judge Hagner announced today that he would hold the Probate Court Thursday next in the afternoon.

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